

IN THE SENATE

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 102

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING KARA JACKSON FOR TIRELESSLY PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF IDAHO AGRICULTURE, FOR SERVING AS AN OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL TO IDAHO STUDENTS AND FOR HER CONTINUED EFFORTS AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR IDAHO AND AGRICULTURE.

We, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, commend Miss Idaho Kara Jackson.

WHEREAS, Kara Jackson was crowned Miss Idaho in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, Kara Jackson grew up on a small farm in Ada County where, through her involvement in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America, she learned to appreciate agriculture's contribution to the state economy and the health and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, as a contestant in the Miss America Scholarship program, Kara Jackson was required to develop a community service platform. Understanding the importance of knowing where our food comes from, Miss Jackson chose to educate and increase awareness of the importance agriculture has on our daily lives through her platform titled, "Modern Agriculture: Supporting and Sustaining Society"; and

WHEREAS, our Miss Idaho works diligently to increase awareness that Americans continue to enjoy safe, affordable food because of modern agriculture; and

WHEREAS, our Miss Idaho has been active in spreading her message across the entire Gem State as well as across the country. Her endeavors include distributing 4,000 "I'm a Fan of Farmers" fans at our state fairs, participating in tours with Idaho's agricultural producers, volunteering at the Food Producers of Idaho Ag Pavilion, serving as a keynote speaker at the American Farm Bureau Conference for Promotion and Education in Wichita, Kansas, and sharing her agricultural message with students at dozens of schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, our Miss Idaho traveled more than 6,000 miles across the state spreading her message as an unofficial ambassador of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Miss Idaho Kara Jackson promoted Idaho potatoes to a nationally televised audience at the Miss America pageant on January 30, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, that Kara Jackson, Miss Idaho 2009, is hereby commended for tirelessly promoting the importance of Idaho agriculture, for serving as an outstanding role model to Idaho students and for her continued efforts as an ambassador for Idaho and agriculture.